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ARECA NUT
Kateel Shri Nalin Kumar

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to waive off bank loans raised for growing Areca nut; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken to rescue the Areca nut growers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b): No Madam. However the Government of India has in January, 2012 approved a Scheme for improving productivity and farm income of Areca nut based farming system in the State of Karnataka. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is the implementing agency for the Scheme. The Scheme inter-alia envisages reschedulement of the outstanding loans, financing of additional fresh loans, financing for production credit for good yielding gardens, interest incentive of 1.5% from NABARD for prompt and regular repayment of loans refinanced by NABARD and support from NABARD for technology transfer to improve crop productivity and farm income.